

## § 137.172

### **§ 137.172 Should the audit report be sent anywhere else to ensure receipt by the Secretary?**

Yes, the Self-Governance Tribe should also send the audit report to: National External Audit Review Center, Lucas Place Room 514, 323 W. 8th St., Kansas City, MO 64105.

### **§ 137.173 Does a Self-Governance Tribe have a right of appeal from a disallowance?**

Yes, the notice must set forth the right of appeal and hearing to the Interior Board of Contract Appeals, pursuant to section 110 of the Act [25 U.S.C. 450m-1].

## RECORDS

### **§ 137.175 Is a Self-Governance Tribe required to maintain a record-keeping system?**

Yes. Tribes are required to maintain records and provide Federal agency access to those records as provided in § 137.177.

### **§ 137.176 Are Tribal records subject to the Freedom of Information Act and Federal Privacy Act?**

No, except to the extent that a Self-Governance Tribe specifies otherwise in its compact or funding agreement, the records of the Self-Governance Tribe shall not be considered Federal records for purposes of chapter 5 of title 5, United States Code.

### **§ 137.177 Is the Self-Governance Tribe required to make its records available to the Secretary?**

Yes, after 30 days advance written notice from the Secretary, the Self-Governance Tribe must provide the Secretary with reasonable access to such records to enable the Department to meet its minimum legal record-keeping system requirements under sections 3101 through 3106 of title 44 United States Code.

### **§ 137.178 May Self-Governance Tribes store patient records at the Federal Records Centers?**

Yes, at the option of a Self-Governance Tribe, patient records may be stored at Federal Records Centers to the same extent and in the same manner as other Department patient

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records in accordance with section 105(o) of the Act [25 U.S.C. 450j(o)].

### **§ 137.179 May a Self-Governance Tribe make agreements with the Federal Records Centers regarding disclosure and release of the patient records stored pursuant to § 137.178?**

Yes, a Self-Governance Tribe may make agreements with the Federal Records Centers regarding disclosure and release of the patient records stored pursuant to § 137.178.

### **§ 137.180 Are there other laws that govern access to patient records?**

Yes, a Tribe must consider the potential application of Tribal, Federal and state law and regulations that may apply to requests for access to Tribal patient records, such as the provisions 42 CFR 2.1–2.67 pertaining to records regarding drug and/or alcohol treatment.

## REDESIGN

### **§ 137.185 May a Self-Governance Tribe redesign or consolidate the PSFAs that are included in a funding agreement and reallocate or redirect funds for such PSFAs?**

Yes, a Self-Governance Tribe may redesign or consolidate PSFAs included in a funding agreement and reallocate or redirect funds for such PSFAs in any manner which the Self-Governance Tribe deems to be in the best interest of the health and welfare of the Indian community being served, only if the redesign or consolidation does not have the effect of denying eligibility for services to population groups otherwise eligible to be served under applicable Federal law.

## NON-DUPLICATION

### **§ 137.190 Is a Self-Governance Tribe that receives funds under Title V also entitled to contract under section 102 of the Act [25 U.S.C. 450(f)] for such funds?**

For the period for which, and to the extent to which, funding is provided under the compact or funding agreement, the Self-Governance Tribe is not entitled to contract with the Secretary for the same funds or PSFA under section 102 of the Act [25 U.S.C. 450f]. Such Self-Governance Tribe is eligible for